

(c) No. Neither the President of the Society nor the Government Directors or Arbitrator or anybody else affected has brought it to the notice of the Government.

(d) Does not arise.

SALE OF COTTON IN CHITRADURGA DISTRICT

644. Sri V. MASIYAPPA (Challakere).—

Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Minister for Agriculture and Forests had announced in Chitradurga in the month of April 1972 that a branch office of the Cotton Corporation of India would be opened in Chitradurga in about a week's time and that the cotton of Chitradurga Market would be purchased by the Corporation at the assured price;

(b) if so, whether any such branch office has been opened in Chitradurga and when;

(c) whether the Government is aware that the Cotton growers have been put to great loss since they withheld the sale of cotton in the hope of selling it to the Corporation and get the assured price?

Sri A. SHANKARA ALVA (Minister for Co-operation).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such case has come to notice of Government. However, the Taluk Agricultural Produce Co-operative Marketing Societies of Chitradurga and Davanagere made purchases of cotton to the extent of 1268 quintals and 63 kgs. valued at Rs. 2,48,672.

C. I. T. B. FOR DAVANAGERE CITY

901. Smt. NAGAMMA C. KESHAVA MURTHY (Davanagere).—

Will the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state:—